

NEW MEXICO 73 UNLV 78 POST GAME QUOTES

Coach Weir:

On where the game got away

"I thought it got away from us early there in the second half. We expended a lot of energy, capital, whatever you want to say, to get back [in the game]. We took the lead there for a second. We were right there and then of course at the end I just think we just ran out a little bit of gas. We didn't seem to play with a ton of energy tonight."

On struggling down the stretch

"I think their pressure tonight really bothered us. They really pressured the ball, they denied in lanes... When we kind of gave it up [the lead] it was just hard to get it back they just did a really good job defensively of forcing us to play one-on-one and make dribbles and unfortunately we just didn't have enough moxie with the ball to get it moving and get good ball reversals"

On Zane Martin running the point

"At the end of the day I think he's learning that position. There's going to be some stretches, where it's like, 'Wow, this is awesome' and then some other stretches where he's learning. It's a new position for him.

"I think it's a great opportunity for him and for us to kind of watch him grow and develop in that position."

Zane Martin:

On defensive performance

"As a team we [were not] fully committed on a defensive end. A couple of guys' shots weren't [falling] and we [were] worried about the offense. We should have been more focused on the defense."

On taking the final shot

"When I let it go it was four seconds [on the clock], the defender was on his heels. Last time I drove, I lost the ball. I had a defender on his heels, we were down by three, I felt like that was the best shot possible, instead of forcing something."

JaQuan Lyle

On working through the shooting slump

"I'm just trying to be the best basketball player every time the shoes go on. Whatever it may be I'm just trying to be the best that I can be."

On being better on defense

"We struggle a lot on offensive rebounding and just lack of communication and I think that's what everybody always says, 'you're not stopping the ball.' It's just a lack of communication, guys not matching up, guys not talking and communicating where they are."